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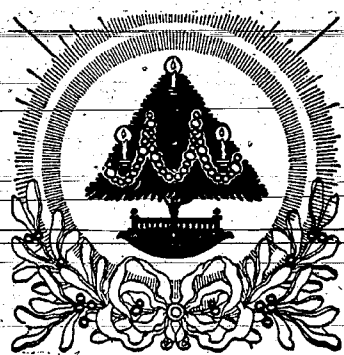
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The banker's money looks no better to us than that of the poorest man in town. Come and let us prove this to you. You will find our holiday goods of the best and the prices the lowest.

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#### About Our Community Christmas Tree.

Thru the happy throats of the civic and program committees of the Mothers' club of Grayling we are all to enjoy a Community Christmas tree.

A large tree will be placed in the square formed by Michigan and Peninsular avenues to give to our people a message of good cheer and fellowship. It will be a sort of Christmas party for the big family of Grayling. Everybody, old and young, will meet together, not for presents, the commercial venter of our modern Christmas, but for the feel of that first Christmas in Bethlehem, marked off from other days by a star and the song of the angels.

The only gifts will be music and light. Trained voices will sing Christmas carols and hymns. The band will be there to assist with music. The church bells all over the town will ring out their message of good-will and to bid Christmas welcome.

On Saturday evening, Dec. 23, at about 7:30 o'clock the mayor will touch the button that will set the tree into a blaze of light that will bring good cheer and strength to countless, lonely and homesick hearts. And the program will follow. Let us all feel that this is our tree and our treat, and show an interest in this our first municipal Christmas tree.

### CHAMPION TROUT FOR SEASON 1916

JAMES THOMPSON GRABS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

Receives \$150.00 Offered by Fishing and Sportsmen's Clubs.

Little did James D. Thompson, local agent for the Manistee & Northeastern railroad, know just how well he was building when he started out on a fishing trip on May 13 of last spring.

Well, he just did things the following day that covered him with glory and caused him to be the envy of many a trout fisherman. After two hours of the hardest fight he ever had he succeeded in landing what he termed the finest rainbow trout that ever grabbed a hook. It tipped the scales at 8 1/2 pounds and measured 28 1/2 inches. The trout was caught in the Manistee river near the red bridge. Most of our readers are familiar with the features of this remarkable catch for the news was published the same week in the Avalanche. Our printed article reached the sporting editor of the Chicago Herald, Dixie Carroll, who was acting as referee in the season's contest for the catching of the largest trout.

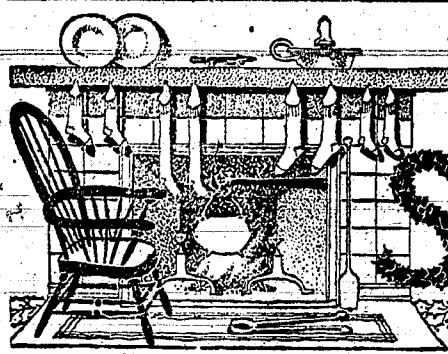
Mr. Carroll immediately communicated with Mr. Thompson who in return sent him a sworn statement as to the size and weight of the fish, together with the names of witnesses. This was easy for there were many who saw the fish and saw it measured and weighed.

This was in early August and up to that time, Mr. Carroll wrote, Mr. Thompson's catch held the lead, and this was continued to the close of the season. Prizes had been offered by individuals, sportsmen's clubs and publishers, in cash and sporting goods. Soon after the close of the contest Mr. Thompson was informed that he was the lucky one and prizes began to arrive from all parts of the United States, from Maine to California. Among them were a check for \$39.50; a \$30.00 fly rod; \$20.00 casting rod; \$5.00 reel; about \$10.00 worth of line; \$15.00 worth of artificial bait such as Dowagiacs, spinners, trollers and other articles; leaders; miscellaneous articles and yearly subscriptions to six sporting magazines. In all what has already been received amounts in value to about \$150.00, and more seems to be still coming.

Mr. Thompson's story of his exciting fight to land this champion trout has been prepared for publication in the Chicago Herald. The Avalanche has a copy of the story but out of courtesy to the Herald, we will withhold the printing of it until after it has been published by them.

Of course Mr. Thompson is feeling pretty happy over his good luck but it hasn't swelled his head one bit. He says it was only luck. He is a good sport and knows the trout fishing game about as well as any who invade the waters of this region.

Try a package of Dr. Ravau's Kidney Tablets. For sale at the A. M. Lewis drug store.



## YULETIDE SUGGESTIONS

The time for purchasing your holiday goods is here. You should be buying TODAY, getting the cream of the market at the same low prices that will prevail right down to Christmas eve, when the supply will be almost exhausted. We never change prices. They remain the same to all, until the last article is sold. Hence the wisdom of buying NOW, when you can take your pick of the lot.

### These are Only a Few of the Many Good Things We Offer You:

#### Dress Goods

The wide range of staple and novelty dress goods in our stock makes suitable selection an easy matter for you.

We can always show the latest weaves and patterns in the popular colors, and can satisfy you both to quality and prices.

#### Stylish Waists

Discriminating buyers will find our assortment of waists complete in every detail—in variety of styles, materials, sizes and colorings.

Creations of lace, crepe de chine, voile, etc., command your attention. You will find attractive designs in embroidered as well as plain patterns—and the prices will please you.

#### Dainty Lingerie

For ladies undergarments that combine beauty and daintiness with high quality and low prices our stock is unequalled.

We have an attractive showing of Corset Covers, Chemise, Combination Suits, Petticoats, Nightgowns, etc., of the latest designs and patterns, from which we are sure you can make a suitable selection.

#### Gloves for All

—For all members of the family as well as for all occasions—for dress affairs or for street wear.

Our stock comprises the finest silk, and kid gloves—the more moderate priced varieties—cotton gloves and all in the latest colors. Any kind you wish and at reasonable prices.

#### White Goods—Linens

How's your stock of napkins and tablecloths? We are offering some excellent values right now in mercerized napkins and bleached tablecloths.

We also have some extra good values in linen and cotton luck towels, bleached Turkish towels, toweling, plain and fancy bed spreads and bleached sheets. It will pay you to see us soon.



#### Neckwear

We can show you the same creations in Ladies' Neckwear that you would find in the large city stores.

They include everything from the finest lace or embroidery effects right down to plain white collars. Something stylish at any price you wish to pay.

#### Good Hosiery Values

The finest Silk Hosiery and the latest novelty combinations in the popular new shades are now offered here at attractive prices.

Of course we carry the standard guaranteed Cotton Hosiery as well as the serviceable Lises in a variety of weights, colors and sizes. Hosiery for men and women, too.

#### House Dresses

Description cannot do justice to our exceptional values in House Dresses, Kimonos and Aprons. They must be seen to be appreciated.

We have everything in the latest styles—plain colors, checks, stripes, light and dark figures. Materials include ginghams, percales, lawns and chambrays—plain or embroidered. And the prices will suit you.

#### Handkerchiefs

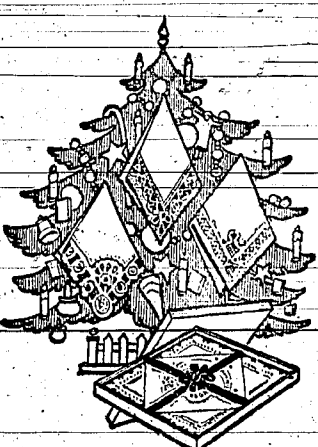
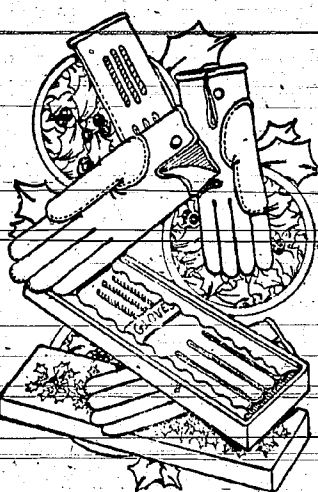
The desire to buy in dozen lots will occur to all who see our large stock of handkerchiefs for men, women and children.

We have some beautiful patterns in fancy lace effects, as well as the good serviceable plain lineups. Also many with border embroidery and initials in white and the various colors.

#### Men's Wearing Apparel

We have a handsome line of shirts, collars, underwear, hosiery, neckwear, hats and handkerchiefs, that will please the most particular man or young man. We have these in values ranging from the common work apparel to that for better dress occasions. The quality and price will suit you.

Some of the newest novelties in neckties await your inspection.



#### Shoes and Slippers

Our stock of shoes, slippers and other footwear is large. Some of the newest things in style and shades may be found here. Shoes for children as well as grown-ups. Rubber footwear for all purposes.

## EMIL KRAUS

Grayling's Leading Dry Goods Store

### WHAT RED CROSS SEALS DO—Christmas Messenger Helps to Relieve and Prevent Disease.

Here are six ways in which the money you spend for Red Cross Christmas Seals may be used:

1. Tuberculosis patients who are in need of food, clothing, sanatorium care or other necessities may be relieved.
2. A visiting nurse may be engaged to go out to the homes of the poor and give instruction and advice on the treatment and prevention of tuberculosis. She is a most valuable educational and preventive agency.
3. A special campaign for a city or county hospital may be carried on, and the community be thereby induced to assume its share of the tuberculosis burden. Thus your money is multiplied manifold.
4. A dispensary may be maintained where patients and their families may call for free advice and examination.
5. Open air schools and fresh air classes may be started, where boys

and girls who have tuberculosis or are threatened with it may be built up in body and mind.

6. Educational work will be done to show the entire community men, women and children that tuberculosis can be cured and prevented.

Every Red Cross seal is a bullet in the fight against tuberculosis.

#### Methodist Episcopal Church Notes.

SUNDAY SERVICES.  
Morning at 10:00 o'clock.  
Sabbath school at 11:45.  
Epworth League at 6:00.  
Evening service at 7:00.

Note: No one can excuse themselves for non-attendance at the services on Sunday. Everybody welcome.

If you desire a spiritual awakening in sincerity and in very truth, give your soul a chance on Sunday morning and evening.

The Pastor of the M. E. church invites you to present yourselves in church on Sunday.

Special music and singing.

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## Christmas Reminiscence

by Philip Brook

O holy Child  
of Bethlehem,  
Descend to us,  
we pray;  
Cast out our sins,  
and enter in,  
Be born in us today.  
We hear the  
Christmas angels  
The great glad  
tidings tell;  
O come to us,  
abide with us,  
Our Lord Emmanuel.

### Quotations to Go With Christmas Gifts

A PRETTY and original touch may be given a Christmas gift by accompanying it with a card on which are written the recipient's name and some apt quotation of an appropriate nature. A few suggested quotations suitable for different gifts are suggested here.

For a postal card album:  
Kind messages that pass from land to land,  
—Longfellow.

For a set of books by a well-known author:  
The chief glory of every people arises from its authors. —Dr. Johnson.

For a small afternoon tea caddy:  
The tea caddy is the only place where a woman can find a place to sit. —Gail, October.

For a useful purse:  
The best friends are in the purse. —German Proverb.

Happy the man who, void of cares and strife,  
In silence or in leather purges reveals  
A splendid shining. —John Phillips.

With a pack of cards:  
The cards beat all the players; be they never so skillful. —Emerson.

With a pair of gloves:  
Oh that I were a glove upon that hand,  
—Shakespeare.

With a silver handglass:  
The heart like a mirror should reflect all objects without being sullied by any. —Confucius.

With a "year off" calendar:  
The longest day must have an end. —Italian Proverb.

A Christmas gift of a ring for a fiancée or wife:  
So let our love  
As endless as the stars  
And pure as gold forever. —Old French.

For the last baby:  
Much is the work and even more is made of it. —W. B. Healy.

With an umbrella:  
The year, most part deformed with dripping rain,  
—Gower.

With a notebook:  
The taste of the kitchen is better than the smell. —Old Proverb.

With an electric torch lamp:  
To a great light a great lantern. —Old Proverb.

With a necktie:  
Who sees a hundred eyes. —Old Proverb.

### A Real Party.

Harry had attended the Christmas party of a little friend and enjoyed it very much, especially the candy and other goodies. A few days later the mother of his little host met him and asked:

"Did you have a good time, Harry, at Orrin's party?"

"I should say so!" responded Harry, enthusiastically. "Why, mamma had to sit up with me three nights I was so sick."

### Not Playing Favorites.

"You say this girl show is intended for the tired business man?"

"That's the idea," replied the manager. "But we don't wish to discriminate, and during the holiday season we are glad to receive the patronage of the tired college boy."

### The Other Way.

"Have you finished your Christmas shopping?"

"No, it finished me."

### GIVING AND GETTING GIFTS

She Felt Uncomfortable Because He Questioned Her Motives in Regarding Christmas Purchases.

"What did you get for Christmas?"

"Why, I haven't got them yet, of course—but I expect to get some from father, a new watch from mother, candy and gloves from Jack, something from the kids, and a raft of things to wear from my cousins and aunts, and some books from grandpa, and a check from Uncle George. I shall certainly be disappointed if I don't."

"I don't mean that. I mean what did you get to give?"

"Oh, a lot of handkerchiefs, and some some gift books, and some perfume and—and I think that's all, I guess. Say, let's go downtown to-night—I suppose the stores will be open."

"It's rather late, and is it really necessary?"

"Well, I hadn't thought of it before, but now that you have spoken about what I was going to give, I suppose it is. I suppose if one expects to get things they must expect to give."

"No, my dear, that wasn't my idea at all. That isn't getting to give—that is giving to get."

"Oh, my, I see I can't please you. I don't think it's nice of you to make anybody feel so uncomfortable!"

### A Gentle Hint.

"Have you made any good resolutions for the new year?"

"Yes—none."

"What is it?"

"To stop answering fool questions."

### Knew His Duty.

"Now, George, at our Christmas party I want you to toe the mark."

"I surely will, if it's the mistletoe."

### WHAT HE GOT.

Wearily—I got sentimental yesterday and hung up me stockin' for Christmas.

Walker—Not did you get?

Wearily—Nuttin'; somebody stole me stockin'.

The Christmas note is peace and good will. Whatever discords, wrongs or resentments the year has held for us, the blessed Christmas tide should end them all. If you have pushed aside any hind this year, reach out and clasp it now. If any dear the has been longed for, let it up again on this gladdest of all anniversaries. Let all wounds be healed, and all resentment and pride be buried under the Christmas holy, while we celebrate the birthday of the Prince of Peace.

## BILLY'S CHRISTMAS

By MRS. HAZEL B. BEATTY.

WE BILLY sat on the front stairs and pouted. Truly this was a funny world, and Wee Billy could not understand why he could not have a brother to play with. Jimmy, across the street, had one; and Teddy Jones, two houses above, had two. One, a great, big brother, who used to give Teddy pennies. And now to Wee Billy's sorrow the new family just moved in next door had five boys. Of course they were brothers, and none of them were grown up. What good times they must have. And here he, Billy, didn't have a soul but a cat outside of Mamma and Daddy Boy.

Poor Billy boy! The longer he pondered the more dejected he grew, but finally Snooksy, the great big tiger kitty, who allowed his small master to pull his sacred tail and otherwise subject him to such indignities, was aroused from his peaceful slumbers by a much-excited little boy, who just hopped around on one foot, and finally



He Put the Letter in the Fireplace, ended by grabbing kitty up in his arms. This was too much, for Snooksy was an amful, and down went Wee Billy, Snooksy and all.

Such a mix-up! For a few minutes nothing could be seen but a roly-poly boy all arms and legs and a much-alarm'd cat who managed to crawl from under his little master and sought the farthest corner in the front hall from which he could view Wee Billy Boy safely, and also be ready to run if such another scene seemed imminent.

Billy Boy had solved the problem. What was it his teacher had told him about the Christmas baby?

The small mind groped for the much-desired information, but in vain. Anyhow, it didn't matter. Of course Santa Claus brought the Christmas Baby, because he brought all things at Christmas-time; so why not bring Santa and tell him all about it.

Wee Billy Boy rushed to mamma's desk and was soon busy. And he time to send his letter? It still lacked a week to Christmas and everybody was busy, so "Billy Boy mustn't bother," when he asked his pretty mother, but he guessed it wouldn't take long for a letter to reach such a well-known old gentleman. So Billy Boy wrote:

"Dear Santa Claus, I want a little brother, not a big one, but one just like me becuz I get lonesome, your lovin' Billy boy."

He put the letter in the fireplace, happy in the knowledge that Santa Claus had received it because it "burned so beautifully."

Wee Billy guarded his precious secret carefully and counted the days. He haunted the doors and was in the way generally, meaning to intercept anybody bringing a baby brother. But the week passed and a heavy-hearted little boy was tucked into bed by Daddy Boy after a strenuous time undressing and the hanging of the stockings.

Where was his precious mamma, why wasn't she there to kiss and tuck him in?

But Daddy Boy said she was "getting ready for Santa Claus," and of course, Daddy Boy knew, but—and the heavy lids dropped and body grew quiet. Wee Billy Boy was in Dream-land, having an awful fight with a new brother, who insisted on sitting on Snooksy.

Morning dawned and Billy Boy opened his eyes only to remember the day, and shouting:

"Merry Christmas, Mamma, Merry Christmas, Daddy Boy!"

He jumped out of bed. Daddy Boy met him at the door, and strange to say, was all dressed.

"Did he bring him, Daddy Boy? Oh! Did he?"

"Bring what, son?" asked Daddy Boy.

"A brother. I wrote Santa Claus for a brother." And the blue eyes grew teary as he looked at his stocking, but saw no sign of the coveted brother.

"You come with me, son; perhaps you haven't looked in the right place."

And picking up Billy Boy in his arms, he tiptoed into mamma's room, and there in his precious mother's bed was a brand new baby brother.

Santa Claus hadn't forgotten Wee Billy Boy after all.

HEADED THAT WAY.

Wee Billy Boy was heading that way. Unless an early dawn prevents, but with a nerve like this he'll get to be a big trust president.

## NASHIMURA TOGO ON CHRISTMAS

By WALLACE IRWIN

To Editor, who realize how it must be more expensive to give than to receive.

DEAR MR. SIR: Merry Xmas thoughts fill me with something else. My brain refuse to ring bells in connection with this annual jingling. Perhaps it is because of following anecdote which happen to me:

At home of Mrs. & Mr. J. Poke, Rockpile, N. J., which is on the list of places where I am no longer there, I was employed in their midst. That family contained only two (2) complete children, but they were sufficiently plenty. By name they were Hester and Lester, aged 5 & 7 respectively. These young persons, when healthy, was full of childly amusements including dish-break, runaway, knockabouts, and whittling pencils with Father's safety razor.

But by approach of Xmas time they suddenly became otherwise. I notice this because I seen it. They walk around with 1. M. G. A. expression of toes and seem too good to be happy.

"Oh childish children!" I require from them: "why so you do so? Do you enjoy some sleeping sickness to make you thusly silent?"

"Hush it!" they depose. "Xmas are coming!"

"Are Xmas, then, such sad-sad event that you should await it without cheers?" I ask to know.

"Oh, not is!" they alliterate. "But, unless we behave very Sunday-school, Hon. St. Claus will not arrive with gifts of great cash valuation."

I stand ast for this phenomenal. So I go to Hon. Mrs. Poke and require from her, "Hon. Mrs. Madam," I say so, "who are this Hon. St. Claus who seem so Carnegie in his gifts?"

"He resemble Hon. Flying Dutchman," she suggest, with slyly winking. "No such person ever was."

"How so?" I snatch off for horrors. "Then I must inform Hon. Hester & Lester about this mistaken personality."

"Not to do!" she snagger peevily. "Why should not?" I ask to know, with eyebrows.

"Because thus," she say it. "I told them about this Hon. St. Claus from my own voice."

"How you could be so deceptive?" I terrify.

"I do this to make my children less sinful in their comportment," she suggest. "When they go around making gunman noises, I holla. 'Stop before Hon. St. Claus hear you and refuse to come!' If they tell untruthful lies, I humiliate them by reproaching, 'Hon. St. Claus will snub you for this untruthfulness!'"

"Is it not somewhat sinful to relate them fibulous tale to tender child?" I negotiate.

"Ah, not!" she abstract. "If childhood should not believe in St. Claus, then most happy times would relapse forever. Togo, you must do everything what possible to make them believe in this whisker gentleman."

"I shall attempt to think up something deliciously deceptive," are smart answer I make.

On day previously before Xmas I go to town-village with weekly salary, price \$5, and purchase considerable wheel-cart, squeak-doll, jump-up-jack, and other childish amusement. These I poke under overcoat and retreat home slyly like snail walking over upholstery.

When night-time was there, Hon. Hester & Lester was cruelly sent to bedtime and locked asleep so they would not find out about Hon. St. Claus. As soon as they make sleep, Mrs. & Mr. Poke command me for bring forth Xmas-tree. I make him grow from soap-box in dining-room. I assist intelligently hanging this foliage with tin fruit, including numerous candles standing on limbs to resemble fireworks. While Hon. Poke boss my enthusiasm, I negotiate.

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## Continual Supply

By REV. B. B. SUTCLIFFE  
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TEXT—There was a continual allowance given him of the king, every day a portion, all the days of his life.—II Kings 20:20.

These words describe the treatment given by the king of Babylon to his enemy. The king made it possible for this man to cease worrying concerning the material things of life. What a relief would come to many of us if we could be absolutely certain, as we look out into the future, that all needs would be supplied. And surely we may have the relief for God will be as good to his own as the king of Babylon was to an enemy and God has promised to do just this.

The Certainty.

The king of Babylon might possibly forget, but it is impossible for God to forget. Isaiah, the prophet, declares that a woman may forget her sucking child, yet the Lord cannot forget his own. Isa. 49:15. The love of the mother for her babe is the strongest of all love men know of. For her babe a mother will dare all things, yet it is possible for that babe to be forgotten. The love of God for his own transcends all other love and makes it impossible for God to forget. We are continually before him. Whether we wake or sleep, his eye which never slumbers is upon us. Whether we work or play his attention never lags. Whether we are at home or abroad his thoughts follow us. God never forgets. The king of Babylon might some day find it beyond his power to do for this man, but God's power can never wane. Because he is God he is omnipotent, and because he is God he will never change. Obstacles and obstructions may rise, interference may come, but God will be supreme above them all, and we will find that what is impossible with men is impossible with God. His power can never fail. Nor will his willingness ever cease. He that spared not his own son for us will surely with him also give us all things. His love, his power, his desire, his purpose, his promise, all speak to us of the great certainty that every need will be supplied so that we may boldly say we will not fear whatever the future may hold.

The Method.

Our text says the king gave continually "every day a portion," or a daily-rate-for-every-day. He did not give him a year's provision or a month's. He lifted it out of the place of charity and made it a personal occupation. We are so distrustful of our God that even while enjoying today's gift—we take the joy and strength of it away by worrying about tomorrow. He will be the same God tomorrow morning as he is today. Do not let us fear that tomorrow will find his resources depleted and his stores running short. He will make the worlds with a word will never be pressed to supply the need of a tomorrow—one of those worlds—Remember that once a widow had a barrel in which was a day's supply of meal. Day by day she scraped that barrel clean, but morning by morning there was found to be another day's supply. Always fresh, always ready, the meal came forth from the hand of God. Oh, the uselessness of all our worry. Could we but trust our God what joy and satisfaction, what rest for heart and mind we would find in the present gift. But until we trust him fully, there will always be the disquieting fear concerning the needs of tomorrow. He will not change his method, but he will be true to his word, and we can be confident that "continually, every day a portion" will be supplied for us.

The Extent.

The text says he gave the portion continually "all the days of his life," we have the promise too "as thy days so shall thy strength be." Deut. 33:25. There may be days of darkness upon our journey, when it will seem as though the light could never penetrate. Days when trouble and distress will be upon us, such trouble and distress as to blot out all the past and future, making us feel forsaken of God and man. Days of such gloom and shadow as to almost make us forget our God. But through all the days, whether of gladness or sorrow, "all the days of our life," our needs will be supplied. We may be certain of this because of what God is and what we are to him. We need to trust him as resources grow low and the meal barrel is empty because he supplies "Every day a portion." We may, if we will cease all our worry, for he will supply every day a portion, "all the days of our life." All we have, our friends included, might be gone in the morning, but we can never open our eyes to another day and not find our God with us ready to graciously and bountifully supply our every need.

Neglect to Praise.

In the faithful soul blooms the flower of adoration. If the soul wishes nothing for itself and is paying no debt, if the greatness and the goodness of God simply overwhelm it, then the praise of God ascends to heaven in a song of praise. We praise God for far too little. We accept thoughtlessly the great and the good, we take it for granted. We forget to praise him and adore him. So it is good, to praise him when occasion is given us in his church in the beautiful hymns of praise from all ages, to attribute our souls to such high records which shall and omnipotent us even as they shall praise God in heaven.

Yours truly,  
HASHIMURA TOGO.

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OF COURSE you are going to need a few articles for Christmas presents—every well-regulated family will.

In anticipating a goodly share of your Christmas trade, we purchased a line of good things that are surely going to win your praise.

Things may be practical and also beautiful. Our Christmas goods ARE beautiful and are equally useful, and the best selections from the world's greatest markets.



### A Few Suggestions

**IVORY ARTICLES** in handsome Mirrors, Combs, Brushes, Toilet sets, etc. New ideas and shapes.

**CUT GLASS**—the quality kind—forms one of the specially attractive features of our store.

**PERFUMES**—The choicest odors of such renowned brands as Imported Azura, Ideal, Melba and many others.

**TOILET WATERS**—Quality kinds in beautiful packages.

**PERFUMIZER**—One of the very latest of new things for the lady's dressing table is DeVilbiss Perfumizer. Come and see it.

**STATIONERY** to please the fancy of all.

Our store is more attractive than ever before and our invitation to you to come in and see the display of pretty things is most cordial. We will be pleased to lay aside any articles you may select until Christmas time.

**Central Drug Store**

Phone No. 1, Grayling  
A. C. OLSON, Proprietor.

### Crawford Avalanche

O. P. Schumann, Editor and Proprietor.

**SUBSCRIPTION RATES.**  
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GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC. 14

### School Notes

Basketball tomorrow night.

"The Tom Thumb Wedding" was a splendid success.

The 5 A class are making product and animal maps of Africa.

The 7 A reading class are enjoying very much the study of Longfellow's "Evangeline."

The following is extracted from a seventh grade geography paper: "In Italy they raise mulberry trees which they feed to the silk worms."

Clyde Dyer of the fifth grade fractured his collar bone while playing at school Monday noon. Dr. Insley was called and the lad was soon made comfortable.

Do you know why Africa has been so little colonized by the white man? Ask the 7 A geography class. They can tell you.

Hardin Sweeney of the class of 1915 made the High school a pleasant call last Monday. We are glad to state that he recently passed a successful examination and has received his commission as second Lieutenant in the regular army. Congratulations to Lieutenant Sweeney!

Pupils from the fourth, fifth and sixth grades have begun learning "The Christmas Tree," a song which accompanies a game that is to be played around the municipal Christmas tree.

C. J. Hathaway gave a very instructive and interesting explanation of the structure and work of the eye to the eighth grade physiology class last Friday morning. It is quite evident from their work since that time that he left a clear impression.

This week and last, the general theme emphasized in the first grade were: the literal Santa Claus, the spiritual truth materialized in Santa Claus and Christmas emblems. Stenciled Christmas tree borders, cutting and coloring of Santa Claus, bells, trees, stars, etc., were the subjects for handwork.

The basketball season will open here tomorrow night with games between our High school teams and the All-City boys' and girls' teams. It is expected that this season will eclipse any season we have yet had. We are trying to get games with some of the larger cities. Games with Cheboygan, Onaway and Cadillac have already been scheduled.

**Kalkaska's Defeat.**  
The High school basketball teams played their first games of the season at Kalkaska last Friday, Dec. 8.

The boys won over the Kalkaska team with a score of 37 to 17. The girls were also victorious, the final score being 10 to 8. Considering the fact that the teams played on a strange floor and that it was their first game, they were deserving of their victories.

Our girls during the first half of their game, only scored four points, while their opponents score was 8. In the last half, however, the ball was mostly in play under our team's basket and 6 points were added to our score before the whistle blew for time. In this half our girls played a very good defensive game, Kalkaska being unable to score once.

The boys' game was somewhat rough, one of the Kalkaska players making three personal fouls during the first half. On the whole the game was a very good one and it is our intention to show them another defeat when they play the return game here.

The line-up for each of our teams was as follows:

Girls: Anna Peterson—R. F. Nina Peterson—L. F. Lucile Hanson—C. Wilda Felling—S. C. Gladys Everett—R. G. Vita Fischer—L. G. Elsie Sparks—Sub.  
Boys: Carl Doroh—R. F. Carleton Mellstrup—L. F. Tony Nelson—C. Frank Shanahan—R. G. Grant Thompson—L. G. Roy Case—Sub.

### Council Proceedings.

A regular meeting of the Common council of the Village of Grayling convened at the Town hall Monday evening, December 4, 1916. Meeting called to order by H. Petersen, president.

Trustees present—Jorgenson, Milks, Canfield and Cook. Absent—Taylor and McCullough. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Finance committee's report read, to wit: To the president and members of the Common council of the Village of Grayling: Your committee on Finance, Claims and Accounts respectfully recommend that the accompanying bills be allowed as follows:

1. Grayling Electric Co., Gen. service.....\$124.00
2. Campbell Gravel Co., gravel.....17.77
3. Central Coal company, traps.....4.32
4. O. P. Schumann, printing.....2.50
5. C. C. Fehr, fire report, Oct. 22nd.....4.50
6. Julius Nelson, pay roll ending Nov. 29th.....66.38
7. M. J. Sheehy, sidewalk rebate.....6.80
8. J. M. Bunting, sidewalk rebate.....8.44
9. George Biggs, sidewalk rebate.....5.75
10. Adam Hyattinen, sidewalk rebate, (Mercy hospital).....7.33
11. Alfred Hughes, sidewalk rebate.....5.68
12. T. P. Peterson, sidewalk rebate.....6.06
13. T. P. Peterson, stamps.....2.00
14. W. Jorgenson, sidewalk rebate.....12.93
15. Mrs. Mary Turner, sidewalk rebate.....7.30

Respectfully submitted,  
W. Jorgenson,  
F. H. Milks,  
Committee.  
Moved by Jorgenson and supported by Canfield that the Finance Committee's report be accepted and orders drawn for the amounts. Motion carried. Moved by Milks and supported by Cook that we adjourn. Motion carried.

**How Old Will You Be At Fifty.**  
Will you be 50 years old or 50 years young? Kidney troubles make many a person old, when really they should be young. Don't be one of the old! Take a kidney tablet as you would a cathartic. Dr. Navaun's kidney tablets are best, 50c at your druggist, A. M. Lewis.

**Reville Freres**  
Longest Fur Manufacturers in the World  
SHORTEST PRICES PAID FOR  
**RAW FURS**  
Ship your furs to us. We pay all express and mail charges. Write for our price list.  
425 West 23rd St. New York

## SHOP EARLY

Here Are Some Gifts "He" Would Appreciate!

Again Christmas and the Holidays are at hand and as always our store is headquarters for appropriate and lasting gifts at prices which really represent money saving. It is certainly to your advantage to make your selections now while our big stock contains such a wide and complete range of suitable presents. The next ten days will be busy ones with this store. Accept our advice and make your choice now for delivery later.

### HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL ARTICLES

#### Handkerchiefs

These are always appreciated. Our Dry Goods department offers a big variety of quality and prices in plain and fancy initial handkerchiefs.



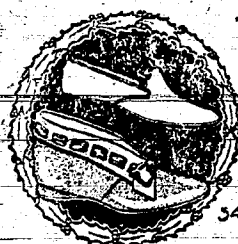
#### Blankets

You will be more than pleased with our supply of Blankets. Our wool blankets can not be excelled in quality and price.

#### Silk Petticoats

The ladies will certainly appreciate our silk petticoats. They are of good quality and the very latest style.

#### House Slippers



Keep your feet comfortable with a pair of our House Slippers. We have them in several styles and shapes.

*What Your Tailor?*

Have Us Order Your  
**Xmas Suit and Overcoat**

from our Chicago Tailors

Ed. V. Price & Co.

### Select Your Own Style Today

There is not a man in the town but what can find the very style and pattern for a suit or overcoat that he will appreciate and enjoy—providing he makes his selection from the unsurpassed display of our famous Chicago tailors.

By leaving your measure TODAY we can guarantee delivery before Xmas.

Prices are Reasonable

#### Shoes and Rubbers

Remember the children with a pair of new Shoes for Christmas. And also at this time of the year Rubbers are necessary.

Good, high quality leather used in our shoes. For women, children and men.

#### Dress Goods

Messalines, Voiles, Crepe de Chene and other fine fabrics await your selection. We can nicely supply your Christmas wants in this line, and also furnish the trimmings to go with them. Prices reasonable.

#### Hats, Caps, Dress Shirts

Why not a Hat or Cap? You may put it down as a safe selection that a smart-styled Hat or Cap will be appreciated.

We have some fine patterns in Men's Dress Shirts. Surely these are sensible and useful presents.

#### Underwear

Our line of Underwear for men, women and children can't be excelled. We are the sole local dealers in the well-known **Victoria Brand** of knit underwear. Wear them and you will want to buy no other kind.

Beautiful Turkish Bath Towels and Rugs.

Heavy Woven Bath Rugs.

### GROCERIES

High grade, fresh, delicious and strictly sanitary.

In our grocery department you may provide your table supplies with a satisfaction that you are getting goods of quality. Just to tempt your appetite we suggest you include a few of the following articles with your next order.

Olives, bottle and bulk. Pickles. Catsup. Salad Dressing. Snyder's Tomato Soup, something new. Honey. Canned Pineapple. Canned Fruits. Preserves of all kinds. Canned Pumpkin. Soups, Beans and other vegetables. Choice Columbia River Salmon, best on the market. Norwegian Sardines, Norwegian Mackerel, Canned Eel, Fiske Pudding, Christmas Plum Pudding, Fresh Cranberries.

### TEAS and COFFEES

We offer the highest grade coffee obtainable in our Mocha and Java. All the well-known brands. Choice Green and Black Teas.

### CHEESE

American Full-Cream Cheese, Brick and Switzer Cheese, Roquefort, Kraft and Camembert Cheese.

Nice fresh assortment of Cookies. Fresh Dromedary Dates. Apples, Nuts and Fruits of all kinds. Swan's Down-Cake Flour; makes the best cakes. Try it.

We still have some articles that were purchased before the increase in prices. These are staple and things you require every day; they are better than many similar articles offered today because their colors are made from the best German dyes and their colors are permanent. These we are offering at the old prices, however after January 1st they will be advanced in price. Buy early and save money.

We have only listed a few of the thousands of articles in our big store. We sell everything, so just come in and make your wants known.

## SALLING, HANSON COMPANY

WE SELL EVERYTHING

## "We Say Shop Early"

We also say leave your orders with us NOW and let us deliver when you want them, thereby saving yourself that nervous strain of mingling with the crowd that is bound to flood our store the last few days before Christmas.

Honey	Head Lettuce	String Beans
Mince Meat	Cucumbers	Wax Beans
Dates	Celery	Sweet Peas
Pigs	Grapes	Tomatoes
Cocoanut	Radishes	Pumpkin
Raisins	Parsley	Asparagus Tips
Carrots	Shallots	Corn
Jellies and Jams	Bananas	Spinach
Preserves	Oranges	Rye and Wheat Bread
Marmalade	Grape Fruit	Prunes
Mixed Nuts	Tomatoes	Catsup
Candy	Cranberries	Pickles
Pig or Plum Pudding		Beets

OLD MASTER COFFEE

**MILTON SIMPSON EST.**

The Sanitary Store

**Bread Set in the Morning is Baked by Noon**

**HO-MAYDE** has revolutionized bread making. Bread set in the morning with the famous **HO-MAYDE** is baked by noon.

Just add a teaspoonful of **HO-MAYDE BREAD IMPROVER** to the water in which the yeast is dissolved or diluted.

**RESULT:** Larger, better and sweeter loaves produced from the same materials.

No sour or chilled bread—no failures. **HO-MAYDE** is guaranteed to be absolutely pure, wholesome and does not become rancid with the purest food laws.

If unable to secure **HO-MAYDE** at your grocery, a package will be mailed for 15c. Write for free sample.

**Ho-Mayde Products Co.**  
Detroit, Mich.

**Catarth Cannot be Cured.**  
with local applications, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarth is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions, and in order to cure it you must take an internal remedy. Hall's Catarth Medicine is taken internally and acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. Hall's Catarth Medicine was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years. It is composed of some of the best known, combined with some of the best blood purifiers. The perfect combination of the ingredients in Hall's Catarth Medicine is what produces such wonderful results in catarth conditions. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. Cheney & Co., Props., Toledo, O.  
All Druggists, 75c.  
Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

**Notice.**  
The tax roll for the year 1916 is now on hand. I will be at my home every Friday up to Jan. 10 to receive taxes.  
Hans Christenson, Treas.  
Beaver Creek Twp.



and "women" in party gowns, Miss Clark announced their names from the stage, giving the couple names of well-known last season. This season

Correspondence.

## Supplement to the Crawford Avalanche, Thursday, Dec. 14, 1916

## Local News

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC. 14

Give him one of our vest pocket diaries for 1917. Only 25 cents.

**Sorenson Bros.**  
A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Milstrup of Lansing Tuesday morning.

Hans Jensen of Chicago is visiting at the home of his sister, Mrs. Sam Johnson.

Visit our bargain counter in the rear of our store. Many nice things at less than half price.

**Sorenson Bros.**  
Miss Estella Fogelson arrived Tuesday from Flint to visit at her home until after the holidays.

All kinds of things can be built with our tinker toys. Lots of fun and education too. Only 50 cents; at Sorenson Bros.

The Kerry & Hanson Flooring mill crew is working eight hours for a week or more, on account of having no electric lights.

Mrs. John Larson left last Tuesday night for Ann Arbor, where she will undergo treatment. Mr. Larson accompanied his wife.

Make it a jewelry Xmas this year. It is the only line of goods that has not risen in price. Hathaway has a nice stock to select from.

Miss Elsie Mortenson came from Flint Tuesday to spend Xmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Mortenson of Beaver Creek.

You will all want a good cup of coffee for Xmas. Most people already know where to come and get it. They come to the Coffee & Tea Store, the little store around the corner.

The Post office at Wellington will be discontinued after December 30, by order of the postoffice department. Mail that is now going to that office will remain in Grayling Postoffice.

Mrs. A. M. Lewis and son, Mark, expect to leave the latter part of the week for Newberry to spend Xmas.

Just read over my Christmas ad and you will want to come in and fill your whole Christmas present list right out of my store.

Miss Helen Stephan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Stephan and Johanna Jorgensen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter F. Jorgensen, were united in marriage at the Methodist parsonage by Rev. Mitchell, Saturday night.

The young couple are well known here and have the best wishes of their many friends.

Mrs. Fred Rundell and little daughter of Morgantown, West Virginia, who has been spending several months visiting relatives and friends in Michigan, spent the past week, a guest at the John Charles home. They left Monday for to visit relatives in the southern part of the state, before returning to Virginia.

At a meeting of the Grayling Lodge E. & A. M. last Thursday evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing year, as follows: Worshipful Master, Elnor Matson; Senior Warden, Frank Sales; Junior Warden, Charles Abbott; Senior Deacon, A. L. Foster; Junior Deacon, George N. Olson; Tyler, A. B. Failing.

Sheriff Cody arrested Charles Sturbal last week, Friday. He was wanted at Rhinelander, Wis., where he was charged with incest. General descriptions had been sent out to the sheriffs of several states. Sturbal arrived in Grayling and the vigilante eye of Sheriff Cody soon detected him. An Officer came after him Monday.

We note in the Gaylord Advance the marriage of Miss Agnes Gannon of that city, and Mr. Wm. Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Lewis of Frederic, which took place Thanksgiving morning at the Catholic parsonage in Gaylord. Mr. Lewis is very well known around Grayling and Lovella, as well as his home town and has many friends who extend best wishes to the young couple. Mrs. Lewis has visited Grayling, and is known by a number of the young people.

The K. of P. lodge are planning on giving their annual ball and banquet, but the date has not been definitely set for same. At the regular meeting last Monday evening, an executive committee composed of Fred Alkison, chairman, Emil Giegling, Glen Smith, A. J. Joseph and Harry Simpson was chosen to take charge of things.

**Card of Thanks.**  
We hereby thank the dear friends, who were so kind, during the sickness and death, and burial of our baby. Also for the beautiful flowers.  
MR. AND MRS. ALBERT NELSON,  
Frederic, Mich.

**Michigan Central to Consider Building of New Depot.**

Last week the Avalanche announced that a petition had been presented to the Michigan Central railroad company asking for a new passenger depot at Grayling. The petitioners are in receipt of the following reply, which was addressed to Mrs. L. J. Kraus, chairman of the Parents and Teachers' association:

"This is to acknowledge receipt of your petition signed by a large number of the ladies of Grayling, requesting me to take up with the company the matter of building a modern passenger station to replace the old station now located in your city.

I wish to advise that I have this day forwarded the petition to the general offices of the company, stating to them that I feel that your communication is deserving of consideration."

Yours truly,  
D. W. Donahue,  
Division Supt.

**Delegates' Report of Boys' Conference.**

The delegates from Grayling to the 14th Annual Boys' Conference held at Lansing, December 12-14, and 3, gave reports of the meetings and incidents connected with their trip, at a public meeting held at the school auditorium Tuesday night.

Judging from their talks they were royally entertained as well as teased upon good wholesome, enthusiastic and Christian talks. Pleading the sentiment and get-herism into the boys, with a good liberal garnishing of the spirit of fair-play and fellow-feeling seems to be the prime object of the annual conference.

The boys came back with a lot of new ideas that can but make better fellows of them and give them a broader view of their responsibilities. They listened to speakers of state and national prominence, but it seems that Denny O'Brien, that right royal lovable coach of the Grand Rapids High school, hit deeper into their hearts than any of the others.

The boys' reports were interesting and attentively listened to, about 150 persons being present.

The meeting opened with music by the band, invocation by Rev. Mitchell, O. P. Schumann, vice president of the Board of trade, very briefly stated the object of the meeting and announced a vocal duet by Miss Lucile Campbell and J. Fred Alexander.

The first speaker on the program was Rev. Kjellgren of the Danish Lutheran church. He has been actively interested in work among young boys. Another musical feature, as fully enjoyed as the first, was a vocal duet by Miss Pearsall and Miss Campbell.

This was next on the program. Emerson Bates was the first of the boys to give his report. He represented the M. E. church. Harry Cook, representing the Danish congregation; Russell Lewis the Grayling High school; Arthur Karpus the Catholic society and Herman Sorenson the Boy scouts of Grayling, all gave interesting reports of the conference.

L. C. Bundgaard, who was the leader of the local boys at the conference gave an extended report of the conference and of some of his ideas concerning work among boys.

Rev. F. Riess, having been called away to attend a funeral, was unable to be there and give his talk on "Opportunity," as scheduled in the program.

The Grayling Board of trade, paid the expenses of the boys at Lansing and thus it was fitting to have a talk from one of its members. Secretary C. J. Hathaway told of some of the accomplishments of that organization.

The meeting closed with brief remarks by Prof. Ellsworth and Rev. Mitchell.

## IS NOW A REGULAR ARMY OFFICER.

**Hardin Sweeney Receives Commission of 2nd Lieutenant.**

Some months ago after graduating from the Grayling High school and giving up his position as "devil" of the Avalanche office, Hardin Sweeney started out for other worlds to conquer. Of course he has been making good, just as we expected he would. He finally entered the regular army and was stationed in the state of Washington. He was satisfied to be a private but not content to remain in the ranks. The opportunity came for promotion. He arrived home Saturday to visit his parents and upon request explains in his own words just how he managed to rise from private to second lieutenant.

A law was passed by Congress last spring, making an increase in the strength of the army. Such an increase made a number of vacancies for officers.

The war department issued an order in July, that an examination would be held for civilians and enlisted men. Such examination to be competitive for the rank of second lieutenant.

I made application, thru military channels to take the examination. I was immediately excused from all duty by my company commander, for the purpose of study.

One of the requirements was that I furnish references as to my past life. Testimonials and references from the most prominent business men of Grayling, enabled me to pass the moral requirements. I wish to thank those gentlemen, who so ably assisted me.

The second requirement was physical condition. I was examined by two army surgeons, lieutenants of the Medical Reserve corps. The third requirement was mental condition. It consisted of an examination, written of U. S. history and constitution, grammar, geography, algebra, geometry, trigonometry, elementary surveying, general history, one of three foreign languages (French, Spanish, or German), and an advanced subject, consisting of one of the languages, advanced surveying and a number of others.

Only one advanced subject had to be taken and the candidate had his choice. The examination was held on the week, beginning August 21, and lasted a week and three days.

The final test was for mounted service, and the candidate had to ride at least three miles at a walk, trot and gallop. I received my first notification that I had passed the examination on the 15th of October. It also gave my percentage, the average of which was eighty-one and three-tenths.

On the 26th day of November I was appointed provisional second lieutenant of Infantry, was sworn in on the second of December, receiving my discharge as a private the same day.

Hardin C. Sweeney,  
2nd Lieut. Inf.  
Unassigned.

**CHEERFUL WORDS.**

**For Many a Grayling Household.**

To have the pains and aches of a bad back removed—to be entirely free from annoying, dangerous urinary disorders, is enough to make any kidney sufferer grateful. The following advice of one who has suffered will prove helpful to hundreds of Grayling readers.

Peter Wm. Christenson, Chestnut St., Grayling, says: "I have used Doan's Kidney Pills on different occasions in the past, getting them at Lewis' Drug store, and they have always proved of great benefit to me. When my back has been weak or lame and the kidney secretions have been too frequent in passage, I have used Doan's Kidney Pills. They have always cured me of the attack."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Christenson uses. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y. adv.

**Hunters and Trappers.**

I am now ready to buy all kinds of furs and paying the highest market prices. See me. Mike Brenner, 111.

Cor. Maple and Ottawa St.

## Frederic News.

It looks as if the snow had come to stay.

B. P. Johnson bot 65 head of hogs from James Smith last week. Some pork. "Ha."

James Smith took log sleighs from the blacksmith shop Monday morning. Looks like business.

Albert Lewis is skidding and decking logs for James Smith.

All of the Jendron Estate, hotel furniture and fixtures were auctioned off Monday. Someone got some good bargains, while the other fellow paid well for his bargain. G. W. Nicholl did the selling. Everybody went home happy.

Supt. Geo. N. Wood gave a very interesting talk in the M. P. church last Sunday evening.

Mrs. Eli Forbush moved to town last week. Glad to have her with us again.

C. S. Barber is building a new hen house 12x28. Must be he is going to raise some chickens.

Mrs. Geo. N. Wood was on the sick list a few days last week, but was able to go to Grayling Monday.

Little Erma Barber was sick. Dr. Leighton said nothing serious. She is better now.

Mr. B. J. Callahan, Mrs. Robert Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swathy, F. A. Goshorn and Elmer Barber all did business in Grayling Saturday.

C. S. Barber completed the \$5,000 job on the concrete and steel bridge on the Manistee river last week. The bridge is a credit to any township in the state or U. S. Sid is certainly a good workman.

G. W. Nicholl stayed with his niece, Mrs. C. S. Barber, while in our village.

Emmett Lewis is out again, after his five weeks' confinement to his home. Glad to see him out.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Lewis expect to start for their Florida trip again next Monday.

C. S. Barber found his stray calf at James Marlett east of Waters. Lucky. James Patterson is working at Harvey's camp now.

Mrs. Floyd Goshorn is on the sick list.

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kalahar this week. Mother and babe doing nicely.

AuSable.

**WANTS**

Advertisements will be accepted under this heading at the rate of 8 cents per line, No ad. taken for less than 15 cents. There are about six words to the line. SEND MONEY WITH THE ORDER.

**STRAYED**—To my farm near Bigbee, P. O. Dec. 11th, two horses, one dark bay and one sorrel, with white feet. Owner may have same by proving property, paying for this notice and for their keeping. John Palmer, Frederic. 11-30-8

**WANTED**—Man past 30 with horse and buggy to sell Stock Condition powder in Crawford county. Salary \$70 per month. Address 9 Industrial Bldg., Indianapolis, Indiana.

**FURNISHED ROOM**—for rent, suitable for gentleman. Nice location. Mrs. H. Hanson. Phone 331. 12-7-17

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**FOR SALE**—Cutter and pair of one-horse light bobs. L. J. Kraus.

**GIRL WANTED**—For general housework. Inquire at Avalanche, Phone 1112.

**WANTED**—Clean cotton rage, at the Avalanche office. Will pay 5c per pound for same.

## Mortgage Sale.

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage, made by Fred Eaman and Mary Eaman, his wife, of Wellington, Crawford County Michigan, to Orlando F. Barnes, of Lansing, Michigan, dated the twelfth day of July, A. D. 1913, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 18th day of October, A. D. 1913, in Liber H of mortgages on page 190, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice the sum of One hundred eighty-eight dollars, and eighty-nine cents, and an Attorney's fee of twenty-five dollars, provided for in said mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said mortgage or any part thereof;

Now Therefore, virtue of the power contained in said mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Tuesday the 6th day of March A. D. 1917, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, I shall sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder, at the front door of the Court house in the Village of Grayling, County of Crawford, (that being the place where the Circuit Court for said County of Crawford is held,) the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due on said mortgage, with seven per cent interest, and all legal costs, together with an Attorney's fee of ninety-five dollars, as provided by law and as covenanted for therein, the premises being described in said mortgage as follows, to-wit:

The Southwest quarter of the Northeast quarter (SW 1/4 of NE 1/4) of Section one (1) in township twenty-five (25) north of range four (4) west containing forty (40) acres of land more or less, according to the returns of the Surveyor General.

ORLANDO F. BARNES, Mortgagee.

O. PALMER, Attorney for Mortgagee.

Business address: Grayling, Mich. 12-7-13

**Danger Signal.**

If the fire bell should ring would you run and stop it or go and help to put out the fire? It is much the same way with a cough. A cough is a danger signal as much as a fire bell. You should not more try to suppress it than to stop a fire bell when it is ringing, but should cure the disease that causes the coughing. This can nearly always be done by taking Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Many have used it with the most beneficial results. It is especially valuable for the persistent cough that so often follows a bad cold or an attack of the grip. Mrs. Thomas Beeching, Andrews, Ind., writes: "During the winter my husband has cold easily and coughs and coughs. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best medicine for breaking up these attacks and you cannot get him to take any other." Obtainable everywhere.

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Better place your orders for cigars early as some brands are hard to get. We will see them aside until you want them.

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**Spotting Goods**

Many boys and girls enjoy Christmas by giving them some of these lovely and pleasing giving athletic goods. Here are a few for your consideration.

**Balls**

**Base Balls**

**Tennis Raquets**

**Sweaters**

**Drinks and Ice Cream**

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GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC. 14

### School Notes

#### Basketball tomorrow night.

"The Tom Thumb Wedding" was a splendid success.

The 8 A class are making product and animal maps of Africa.

The 7 A reading class are enjoying very much the study of Longfellow's "Evangeline."

The following is extracted from a seventh grade geography paper: "In Italy they raise mulberry trees which they feed to the silk worms."

Clyde Dyer of the fifth grade fractured his collar bone while playing at school Monday noon. Dr. Instey was called and the lad was soon made comfortable.

Do you know why Africa has been so little colonized by the white man? Ask the 7 A geography class. They can tell you.

Hardin Sweeney of the class of 1918 made the High school a pleasant call

last Monday. We that he recently passed his examination and his commission as second regular army. C. Lieutenant Sweeney.

Pupils from the sixth grades have "The Christmas Tree" accompanied a game around the tree.

C. J. Hathaway gave an interesting and interesting structure and work of the eighth grade physics Friday morning from their work in the left a clear ring.

This week and thots emphasized were: the literal S tual truth materials and Christmas e coloring of Santa stars, etc. were it work.

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15. Mrs. Mary Turner, sidewalk rebate..... 12.93

Respectfully submitted.

W. Jorgenson,  
F. H. Milka,  
Committee.

Moved by Jorgenson and supported by Canfield that the Finance Committee's report be accepted and orders drawn for the amounts. Motion carried. Moved by Milka and supported by Cook that we adjourn. Motion carried.

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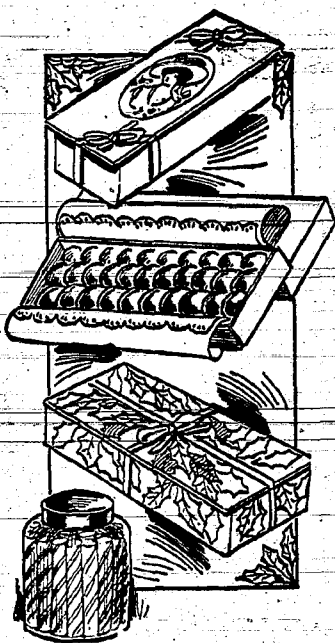
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## "TOM THUMB WEDDING."

School Children in One of Season's Best Entertainments.

Tom Thumb Wedding, or the Marriage of the Midgets, as presented at the High school auditorium last Friday night was attended by a packed house. Nearly five hundred persons were present.

For several weeks about fifty of our little folks from both schools and some who were too small to be in school, under direction of some of our teachers, were practicing the various parts of the play until Wednesday of last week

when Miss Myrtle Clark, representing The Rose Company of Kansas City, came with the costumes to make the final arrangements.

The play was one of the most pleasing that has been presented here this season and much credit is due the little folks and especially Miss Pearl, teacher of music and drawing, who drilled the little folks in their musical numbers and played all the accompaniments and other music during the play.

Teddy Wheeler and George Schroeder were the ushers and as each guest appeared, the "men" in dress suits

and "women" in party gowns, Miss Clark announced their names from the stage, giving the couple names of well known local people. This caused considerable merriment.

The first solo, "When I Dream of You," was sung by Francella Corwin, a "cousin of the bride." The next solo, "O Promise Me," was sung by Helen Westcott, another "cousin of the bride."

Then appeared the bridal party. Virginia Hanson was the bride, and of course was charming, just as all brides should be. Jimmie Jamison was the groom, and "wore the conventional black."

The maid of honor was Margrethe Hanson and best man was Junior Hanson. There were several flower girls, and the ring bearer was Elizabeth Hughes. Milton Hathaway in a ministerial voice tied the knot (?).

Following the ceremony Ruth McNevin sang "I Love You Truly," after which the bride and groom received the congratulations of the guests.

Dorothy Tennant sang "I Cannot Sing the Old Songs," and Junior Spies, as Grandfather Thumb, "Silver Threads Among the Gold."

The wedding banquet (real ice cream) was served by the flower girls. The three "Old Maids," Helen Santer, Margaret Cripps and Ada Kidston then sang a song relating to their being spinsters from choice rather than from necessity.

"I'd Love to Live in Loveland" was sung by Genevieve Monteur and Edward Vassie; the entire company repeating the chorus, after which the bridal party retired to the wedding march.

Mendelssohn's wedding march was played for the entrance and exit of the wedding party.

## Don't Neglect The Kidneys.

Do you take a kidney tablet once in a while, the same as you do a cathartic? If you don't, you should, because kidneys are blood filters and need cleaning themselves the same as your bowels. Dr. Navaun's Kidney Tablets are for this purpose and are for sale at Mr. Lewis' store. Samples will be sent on request by the Botanic Drug Co., Detroit, Mich.

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When the nervousness is caused by constipation, as is often the case, you will get quick relief by taking Chamberlain's Tablets. These tablets also improve the digestion. Obtainable everywhere.

Basketball tomorrow night.

## Correspondence.

### Eldorado Nuggets.

Miss Mae Hartman returned to Detroit Friday.

The Roscommon-Mio stage is now being run with teams. Geo. Royce is driving the Roscommon end, and F. F. Donley, the Mio end.

At the meeting of the Eldorado Literary club Saturday evening, the following officers were elected: Fred Hartman, President; Harry Williams, Vice President; Mrs. Mattie Funsch, Secretary; Miss Elizabeth Weber, Treas.; Mrs. Grace Funsch, Organist; and Bord J. Funsch, Chairman of the program committee. It was found, after settling all expenses connected with the placing of the new roof in the school house and paying all the dance and social expenses, there was a balance of \$11.00 left from the proceeds of the social.

Burton Williams and Joseph Weber, Jr., left last week for Grayling, where they are employed.

### Coy News.

Geo. Royce is now carrying the mail from Roscommon to Eldorado for Mr. Frye.

John Floeter and wife, Mr. Bentz and Wm. Elliott spent Sunday evening with O. B. Scott and family.

Mr. Hollowell, who has been on the sick list, is slowly improving.

The Mothers' club will hold their annual meeting with Mrs. Frank Richardson, where they will entertain the men and serve supper.

Miss Beniah Barber was called to Detroit Saturday, on account of the illness of her brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Scott returned Monday from Deford, where they spent a few days with her father, Mr. Boughton.

Be sure and attend the entertainment at the Maple Grove school, Saturday, Dec. 23, when there will be a Christmas tree and program.

Miss Cecile P. is spending a few days with Miss Nora Nolan.

Miss Smith of Detroit is spending a few days with Frank Richardson and family.

### Lovells.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Wakeley of Sigbee spent Sunday with the latter's mother, Mrs. Hanna.

Mr. Worst of Aurora spent a few days at the Au Sable Ranch.

Ed. Feldhauser was a Lovells caller Tuesday.

Mrs. E. McCormick and Mrs. Hanna were Grayling callers Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Parker and Miss Adams, all of Detroit, are enjoying a few days out at the North Branch Outing Club, enjoying rabbit shooting around Lovells.

Mrs. J. Simms received a message announcing the death of a sister, Mrs. Oscar Bishopric.

Mrs. Griswold and children of Bay City are visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Caid.

Mrs. Orlo Shreve spent a few days in Lovells with friends.

Edith Shreve returned to Grayling Friday.

Mr. Lee, caretaker of Boutell's cottages returned to his home in Saginaw, Monday.

F. L. Mickelson of Johannesburg was a guest of the North Branch Outing club last week.

### Frederic School Notes.

Helen Johnson was absent Monday on account of illness.

Elmer Johnson and Isaac Gendron have entered school. Now we have about every boy and girl in the town and in the country going to school.

The boys and girls are fitting up a sitting room with a large fire place on the stage at the Opera house for their play to be given on Christmas night. Following are the characters: Misses Flora Malco, Jessie Reynolds, Anna Paris and Harry Reynolds, Liland Snook, Clyde McDermid and Arthur Callahan.

The Christmas entertainment will be given Dec. 22. Everybody welcome.

The High school business college is certainly living up to its expectations under the leadership of Miss Paris there are twelve taking shorthand, and shorthand is far from an easy subject.

Miss Cameron had charge of the Monday morning exercises. Records loaned by Mrs. Pat Burke were played.

Miss Cornish is enthusiastic over her Civil government class and will organize another class later in the year which will be open to all High school pupils.

C. S. Barber, secretary of the school board has taken over the Sach meat market.

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Cheerful and courteous attention to all  
A full dollar's value for every dollar you spend  
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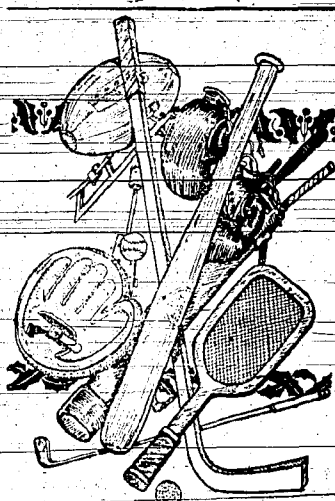


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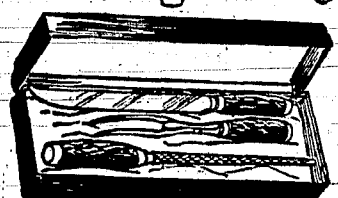
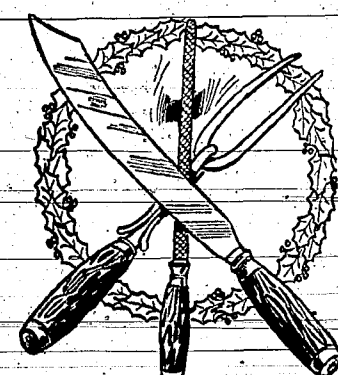
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PHONE 1222





# JUST TOO BUSY TO WRITE AN AD LAST WEEK

It sounds funny, doesn't it? Nevertheless it is true. I am a little late, but watch me. I certainly have many good things that you are looking for. They are now on exhibition. This store has many attractions in the way of Chinaware and many other things that are impossible to get at the price they will be sold at this store. The old saying "Better late than never" comes in quite exceptable at this time. Parents bring your children by all means to this store. A thousand and one things that will make you a merry Xmas and your hearts glad. Rejoice and be glad and thankful for what you have and can get when the nations abroad are experiencing at this time such serious calamities with their shortage reverses and high prices. Come early and keep coming. Get the habit.

This is the time of year when everybody gets busy to please the family and children. That's why I missed that big ad—too busy to prepare.

## PREPAREDNESS

Yes, I again entreat you this Xmas to visit my store. In spite of high prices and scarcity of goods I am going to help make this a banner Xmas.

### Handkerchiefs

Ladies' and children's handkerchiefs 3, 5, 8, 10, 15 and 25c; are useful presents for holidays. Notice this attraction a few days before Christmas—the Handkerchief window exclusive. Also showing a full line of Men's Handkerchiefs.

### Lace Collars

Ladies' Lace Collars and Lace Bonnets at 25, 35c, 45c, 50c, 60c, 75c, 85c, 95c, 1.00, 1.25, 1.50, 1.75, 2.00, 2.25, 2.50, 2.75, 3.00, 3.25, 3.50, 3.75, 4.00, 4.25, 4.50, 4.75, 5.00, 5.25, 5.50, 5.75, 6.00, 6.25, 6.50, 6.75, 7.00, 7.25, 7.50, 7.75, 8.00, 8.25, 8.50, 8.75, 9.00, 9.25, 9.50, 9.75, 10.00, 10.25, 10.50, 10.75, 11.00, 11.25, 11.50, 11.75, 12.00, 12.25, 12.50, 12.75, 13.00, 13.25, 13.50, 13.75, 14.00, 14.25, 14.50, 14.75, 15.00, 15.25, 15.50, 15.75, 16.00, 16.25, 16.50, 16.75, 17.00, 17.25, 17.50, 17.75, 18.00, 18.25, 18.50, 18.75, 19.00, 19.25, 19.50, 19.75, 20.00, 20.25, 20.50, 20.75, 21.00, 21.25, 21.50, 21.75, 22.00, 22.25, 22.50, 22.75, 23.00, 23.25, 23.50, 23.75, 24.00, 24.25, 24.50, 24.75, 25.00, 25.25, 25.50, 25.75, 26.00, 26.25, 26.50, 26.75, 27.00, 27.25, 27.50, 27.75, 28.00, 28.25, 28.50, 28.75, 29.00, 29.25, 29.50, 29.75, 30.00, 30.25, 30.50, 30.75, 31.00, 31.25, 31.50, 31.75, 32.00, 32.25, 32.50, 32.75, 33.00, 33.25, 33.50, 33.75, 34.00, 34.25, 34.50, 34.75, 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# The GIFT SHOP

## USEFUL and ECONOMICAL

### Drug Store Offerings for Christmas

Our Christmas offerings are both useful and ornamental. They are also **ECONOMICAL**. They will pay for themselves in satisfactory service a hundred times over. They are presents that will appeal to the solid sense of the recipient every time they are used. They will be **APPRECIATED** gifts.

Some one in the family—or a friend—will more than appreciate any one of these articles, the prices of which have been marked right down to the limit to begin with:



#### Books

We just received a new supply of the latest and most desirable books, including special Xmas editions, poems, etc.

#### Safety Razors

Make him a present of a fine safety razor. He will not only enjoy the use of one but will also save money by shaving himself—soon save the cost.

#### White Ivory

In these you may find articles that will please any member of the family. They are necessary and lasting articles for every home.

#### Perfumes and Toilet Articles

There are no perfumes to excel Palmer's. We have all the other well known makes in many odors. Toilet Waters in beautiful packages. Make fine presents.

#### Cigars, Pipes and Tobaccos

Choice imported Key West and Havana Cigars and a choice collection of domestic brands. We offer these in full or broken boxes. Upon request we will gladly assist the ladies in making selections for their husbands or gentleman friends.

We have all the leading brands of Cigarettes. You will find here your favorite brand of tobaccos. To those who enjoy their pipe, we offer a nice selection of fragrant Briar and Meerchaum Pipes.



#### Candies

The famous Gilbert's chocolates and other well known brands. Clean, pure, creamy and crispy candy, that is enjoyed by old and young. Just the kind for little children. It won't hurt them and THEY LIKE IT.

Sold in fancy Christmas boxes and in bulk. Candy is hard to get just at present and we suggest that you order your supply at once. If you cannot come down, telephone your wants. Phone 18.

#### Cameras

To please that young member of the family nothing will appeal like a high grade camera. These are very useful articles in every home—history recorders. Several styles and prices.

#### Scheaffer Fountain Pens

A lasting and appreciative gift to a good friend would be one of our Scheaffer Fountain Pens. They are the best pens made and fully guaranteed. Several sizes and prices.

If you will come into our store we will be able to interest you in hundreds of good and useful articles that may be JUST what you want to use as a Christmas gift. Come in and see.

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Your Druggist

Phone 18

## WHY

Why go elsewhere for your hardware when you can get anything you want right here?

Why wait days for your purchase to arrive when you can take it home with you by buying here?

Why buy something unseen when you can see before buying here?

We sell everything in hardware.

We make the prices right.

We guarantee everything we sell you.

**SALLING, HANSON CO.**

Hardware Department

Try Avalanche Want Ads for Results

### Local News

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC. 14

Now, all together! "Buy it at home this Christmas."

Have you seen the new stock of Cut Glass at Hathaway's?

Special line of candy for Xmas trade. Holiday's Bazaar.

Make yourself a Xmas present of a pair of glasses from Hathaway's.

Brooches are it this year. A fine line in solid gold from \$2.50 up, at Hathaway's.

Ask for our big specials in Children's books, only 10 cents.

Sorenson Bros.

Miss Frida Olson spent Sunday and Monday, the guest of Miss Irene LaSprance in Bay City.

Postmaster John F. Hum was in Detroit on business the first of the week. He returned home Tuesday.

Why not come here for your Xmas candy, and let us mix some good home made candy in with the other.

Coffee & Tea Store.

Mrs. Emil Kraus returned here last Saturday, after a month's visit with her mother, Mrs. Lennon, in Hurley, Wis.

Toys for a penny, nickel or dime. No reasons for being without Christmas gifts. Visit our store. Sorenson Bros.

A watch would make the best kind of a Xmas present. You will find a large stock at Hathaway's at right prices.

Don't pos-hoo at something you don't understand. There's always some one wiser than you who can see the point.

The biggest value we have ever offered our subscribers is the Avalanche and four standard magazines, all one year, for only \$1.75.

But a few couples attended the dance at the Temple theatre last Saturday night. Those present had a very enjoyable time.

Miss Maude Tett, who has been in Bay City for several months returned home last Saturday evening, to remain until after Christmas.

Taxes are now due and the rolls for the collection of state and county taxes are now at the Bank of Grayling, ready to receive payments.

Fathers Nye of Mackinaw, Maghan of Cheboygan and Lefebvre of Cadillac were guests at St. Mary's Rectory during the course of this week.

Do you know you can get four standard magazines in combination with the Avalanche by paying only 25 cents extra. Send in your order today.

Mr. and Mrs. John N. Riess of Ludington, returned last Saturday afternoon to their home, after spending a week here visiting their son, Father John J. Riess.

Among your appropriations for Christmas please include Red Cross seals among your list of purchases. Every one you send out is a BULLET against tuberculosis.

Elmer Jorgensen entertained the members of his Confirmation class very nicely at his home last Saturday evening. Contests and games were enjoyed by the young folks, after which refreshments were served.

We certainly appreciate the way our subscribers are renewing their subscriptions since we have been offering four big magazines for only 25 cents extra. If you haven't sent us your renewal do it now and get these magazines for one year.

A number of parishioners of St. Mary's church gave a party last Wednesday night at the parsonage, for the parents of Fr. Riess, who had been spending the week here visiting their son. Cards were a pleasant pastime for the evening.

Raf Bros. show, a comedy, novelty and vaudeville entertainment with a complete change of performance every night, will appear at the Temple theatre, three nights, commencing Thursday, Dec. 14th. Their price of admission will be 10 and 20 cents.

The Epworth league members were nicely entertained by Miss Wilma Spies at her home Wednesday evening of last week. Rev. Mitchell made the evening most pleasant by his presence. Refreshments were served by Miss Spies at the close of the evening.

Books to give at Christmas time: "When a Man is a Man," "The Man and the Moment," "The Calling of Dan Matthews," "The Palace of Darkened Windows," "The Winning of Barbara Worth," "A Girl of the Limber Lost," "The Shepherd of the Hill." These books are for sale at Sorenson Bros.

Father Riess left last Tuesday afternoon for Pinconning to attend the funeral of Father Langlois. Father Langlois was well known to the old residents of Grayling. He frequently assisted Father Wehler here while Grayling was still a mission. Father Langlois died Sunday night and the funeral was held on Wednesday morning at 10:00 o'clock.

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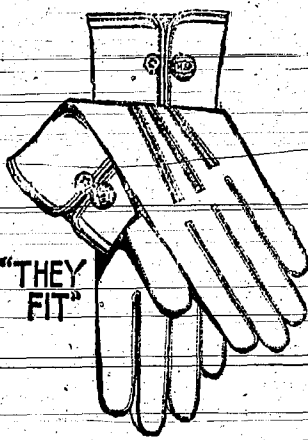
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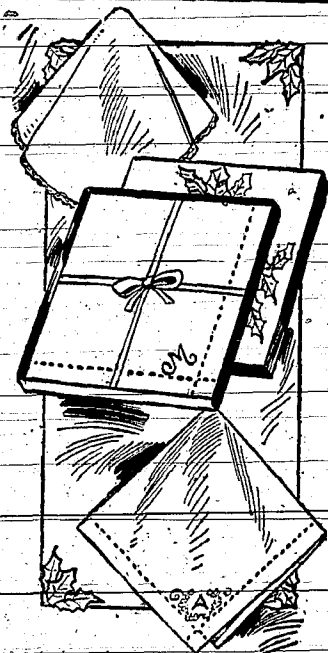
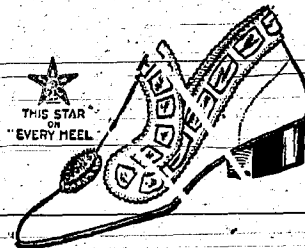
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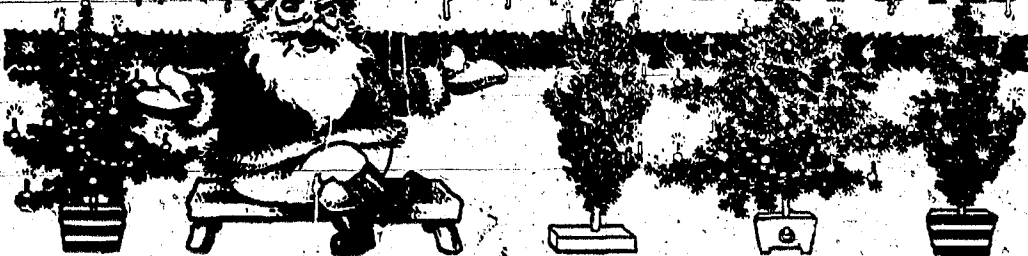


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The three preceding installments described the rescue of a quarterbreed girl and two men from an Indian attack at the edge of Lakotah Indian reservation by Capt. Floyd Hardy, U. S. A., the new Indian agent. The rescued ones are Reginald Vandervyn, nephew of United States Senator Clemmer and agency clerk, Jacques Dupont, post trader, and his daughter, Marie. Vandervyn tells Hardy of disaffection among the Indians, the murder of Nogen, the last agent, and of his having been promised the agency. Hardy calls a council of head tribesmen. Redbear, the halfbreed interpreter, brings his pretty sister, Olma, to the valley. The new agent learns that the Indians have been cheated and has reason to suspect Dupont and Vandervyn of crookedness. He plans to square matters with the tribesmen. How Captain Hardy is thwarted in his purpose, how his life is endangered, how Vandervyn shows his true character, is told in very absorbing style in this installment.

## CHAPTER VI—Continued.

Unseen by his superior, Vandervyn nodded encouragingly to Redbear and smiled at the Indians. Hardy had not turned his steady gaze from Ti-ovak-konza.

"The chief is not angry," he said. "We shall soon be friends. Tell him that I come in peace, with a good heart toward all the tribe. I do not blame the killing of Mr. Nogen on the tribe. If white men have done any wrong to the tribe, I shall stop the wrongdoing. If there are any members of the tribe who are doing wrong, the chiefs should help me make all do right."

This time Redbear did not hesitate. He faced the assembly and rolled out a flood of Lakotah with desperate rapidity. Almost immediately Ti-ovak-konza rose to reply, his face ablaze with indignation, his voice impassioned. When he had spoken, he remained standing.

"He says he is angry," began Redbear.

"No," brusquely contradicted Hardy. "Look at his face. The others are angered. He is not. There is some misunderstanding. Be careful that you interpret correctly."

"He says he is angry," insisted Redbear, his sidelong glance looking past Hardy to Vandervyn, who was nodding reassuringly. "He says he is trying to keep it inside, but the others can't hold it inside. He says you have got to go away or there will be fighting."

Hardy straightened on his chair, and his look became severe. He spoke sharply: "Tell the chief it is useless to ask me to go away. I do not wish to send for the Longkewes. But they will come and fight the tribe if there is any uprising."

Redbear's interpretation was followed by a hush more threatening than gestures or outcries. Vandervyn hastily beckoned to the policemen. They came along under the overhang of the warehouse until they were behind the white men. Hardy heard the soft shuffle of their moccasined feet in the dust. He looked around and frowned.

"How is this?" he demanded. "I particularly wished no demonstration of force," said Hardy.

"Well, since the police are here, hadn't you better let them stay? It will be close enough work if matters come to a scrap, and there's Marie out to see the fun."

Hardy turned around to look at the darling girl. She stood on a slight knoll midway between the assembled Indians and her father's cabin.

"Take her back to the house," he ordered.

"But would it be wise for me to leave you and Charlie just now? The police may not stay loyal if—"

"Go!"

The command was peremptory. Vandervyn started off, yet contrived to exchange glances with Redbear. Hardy studied the semicircle of waiting Indians with a resolute gaze, and, as before, fixed his attention upon Ti-ovak-konza.

"We must learn what is the cause of this ill feeling," he remarked to the halfbreed. "Ask them why they are opposed to their young men trading ore for Dupont's goods."

Redbear spoke slowly to the Indians. His manner was unlike that of a man who approaches a barrel of gunpowder with a lighted torch. There was no explosion, but the old head chief flared with unmistakable anger. He replied with a declaration that won grunts of approval from his fellows.

The halfbreed's face was unsteady as he interpreted: "He—he says there shall be no more barter of ore. He says all over again that this is the hand of the tribe, and white men have no right here, and he hates all Longkewes."

"Tell him that he is mistaken. The soldiers have always been the best friends of the Indians. I find that, when sent spring, no more food and goods are to be issued to the tribe. The white men will come and take the ore if the Indians do not let them. Another thing, I have heard that the white men are to be sent to the reservation. He's an army officer—he wouldn't have now even if he knew his starting point, means, and means for us."

head of a family can have his own farm and work it after the manner of the white men. Other tribes have done this, and they are no longer poor."

Redbear hesitated, stepped more aside from Hardy, and began to pour out a torrent of Lakotah. He had spoken only a few sentences when a wave of agitation passed over the semicircle of Indians. Blankets slipped down from copper-red shoulders; fierce eyes glared menacingly at Hardy. Several of the more excitable bucks leaped up with bow and rifle in hand.

Hardy thrust out from among the police and raised his hands to Ti-ovak-konza in the peace sign. The head chief called to his fellows and turned his back upon the agent with deliberation. All the others faced about and followed him to the waiting ponies. The band mounted and rode off up the valley in morose silence.

## CHAPTER VII.

The Common Law.

There was still more than a trace of red in Hardy's sallow cheeks when Marie, Vandervyn and Dupont came in upon him at the office. Dupont held out a congratulatory hand.

"By gosh, Cap," he said, "you sure had a mighty close squeak of it that time. Guess old Ti got all-fired hot."

"Where's Charlie?"

"Redbear? I sent him to reassure his sister and the families of the police."

"That was very thoughtful of you, captain," said Marie.

"But it would be far more considerate if you would leave the reservation," added Vandervyn.

"How so?" queried Hardy.

"Of course, you'll fancy I am thinking of my promotion. But it's not that at all. Ask Jake."

"I got it from the piece," said Dupont. "The whole bunch was crazy to shoot you; they'd even let too, only Charlie sings out to 'em that Mr. Van was going to be agent, and you'd go away."

"He said that?"

"Oh, captain, don't be angry at Charlie," interceded Marie. "He had to do it to save a fight."

"But why? I could not have been more friendly. Yet everything I said seemed to anger them."

"I told you they're a ornery bunch," replied Dupont. "It was for because you being an officer. The chiefs hate all soldiers like pizen. Most of the old ones was in the ghost-dance craze, and got jalled by the soldiers."

"They may cool down and be willing to listen to reason," argued Hardy.

"Cool down? They'll go back and sit and stew and stew till hell boils over. Next thing happens, they'll stir up the young bucks. Nom dun chian! Just when I was getting enough ahead in my business to take care of my old age and give Marie a chance to be a lady to stand to lose everything and her and my scalp to boot!"

"You are free to leave here with her whenever you wish."

"No, I ain't. I can't leave my store—my property."

"There would be no danger if it were not for you," said Marie, her eyes flashing with indignation. "If only you had not come here! If there is an outbreak, it will be all your fault!"

"Marie?"

"Oh, I know you mean well. But if they've taken this violent dislike to you—Why ever did you come? You say how they like Mr. Van. Had they thought you would insist on staying, nothing could have kept them from attacking you. But the promise that Mr. Van is to be their agent, that pacified them. Had you never come here, all this would not have happened. The chiefs would have come to talk with Mr. Van, and would have gone back satisfied."

Hardy swung around in his chair to scrutinize the guileless face of Vandervyn.

"What do you say to that, sir?" he interrogated.

"What can I say?" replied Vandervyn, twisting the tip of his blond mustache. "It is for you to decide to leave for the good of the tribe, or to stay and take the chance of an uprising."

"The way you put it—" considered Hardy. "Perhaps it might be better for all concerned if I should leave."

"You bet it would, Cap," eagerly broke in Dupont. "Tain't no joke. Them ornery cusses'll git you like they done with Nogen, just as sure as shooting."

Vandervyn shot a furtive glance at the blunderer. Marie was looking at Hardy. But she did not need to see the tightening of his lips to realize what her father had done.

"Oh, Father," she reproached. "Why did you say it? You should have known Captain Hardy could not leave after that."

"Quite right, Miss Dupont," said Hardy.

"You mean, you won't leave?" asked Dupont.

"How can he?" Vandervyn smoothly cut in. "You've put it up to him that it would be deserting his post under fire. He's an army officer—he wouldn't have now even if he knew his starting point, means, and means for us."

"I will remain until I have made at least one more effort to pacify the tribe," replied Hardy. "You are at liberty to resign whenever you please. Mr. Dupont has ample time to remove his goods and his daughter from the reservation."

"Not me," declared Marie. "I don't care what Pere and Reggie say; I know there is not one of the tribe who would harm me, even in an outbreak."

"Well, 'nebber not,'" admitted her father.

"I gather that I am the only person who seems to be endangered," remarked Hardy. "This being so, I will wait a few days for the excitement to subside, and will then call another council."

"They won't come up in to meet you," declared Dupont.

"Then I shall go to them."

"Into the mountains, captain?" exclaimed Marie, her splendid eyes widening with concern. "Surely you will not venture among the camps."

"The tribe must learn that I mean friendship."

Dupont paused to scratch the side of his head. But Vandervyn spoke without an instant's hesitation: "You have no right to throw your life away uselessly, captain. Suppose Charlie and I make a trip to the camps, to see if we cannot quiet the tribe and talk the chiefs into giving you another hearing? If you have no objection, we could tell them that you cannot leave just now, but that you will do so as soon as you have tried to benefit them."

"And that Mr. Van'll be next agent," added Dupont.

"Will you tell them that I am here to help them and to be their friend?" queried Hardy.

"Trust me to put it to them strong, captain," assured Vandervyn. "I know you'll play fair by resigning in my favor as soon as you have the tribe in hand."

"After I have done what I can do to improve conditions among them," qualified Hardy.

"I do so hope Mr. Van can persuade them to be friendly with you," said Marie. "I know he and Charlie will be perfectly safe. But it will be hard to talk them out of their strange dislike to you. When will you start, Reggie?"

"Early tomorrow morning, if the captain has no objections."

"The sooner the better," agreed Hardy.

"I'll go and remove my council costume," said Vandervyn, smiling at his irrepressible frock coat.

Marie and her father rose with him. Hardy bowed out the girl and returned to his desk. He was deep in the midst of a report on the tribe when, half an hour later, Vandervyn returned to the office in his riding togs.

"Charlie may not come back this afternoon," he remarked. "I thought I might ride down and tell him about the trip. I could fetch your mare for you."

"Very well. I shall be obliged," replied Hardy. And he returned to his study of the report.

Vandervyn rode down along the far side of the stream, keeping the thickets as much as possible between himself and the Dupont house. He did not recross the creek until he was a goodly distance from the cabin door.

But at a slight movement of the window curtains his hand went up to beckon with a lordly gesture. There was a short pause. Then the door opened a scant inch.

"Hello!" he said. "Where's your brother?"

"He has—has gone to tell the policemen."

"On the agent's mare," guessed Vandervyn.

"Please—he didn't mean any harm; please don't tell on him."

"That depends," replied Vandervyn. "Do you think I care to favor him when you act as if you hate me?"

"Hate? No, no. The door opened several inches and as suddenly closed to a narrow crack.

But Vandervyn had caught a glimpse of the girl's blushing face. His voice dropped to a caressing tone: "You're not afraid of me, are you, just because I wanted a kiss? Come out here and talk. I won't bite you."

"You promise not to—kiss me?"

"Not unless you wish me to."

"But—but I do!" came back the naive confession.

Impulsively he started to swing off his pony. The cabin door shut with a bang. He straightened in the saddle, waited a long moment, frowned heavily, and started to ride away.

From the window came a plaintive cry: "Oh, please, please!"

He deliberately dismounted, flung the reins over his horse's head, and walked to the opened window. The eager, frightened face within blushed scarlet and thrunk back. He stopped short.

"See here," he admonished. "If you're going to be silly, I shall go away for good. You've got the door barred, and you know I shall not try to crawl in at a hole like this."

"I—I won't be," she faltered.

"That's better," he said, and he reached in to slip his arm around her trembling shoulders.

shrinking yet yielding, with eyes flitting downcast and olive cheeks burning with blushing shame, the young girl allowed him to draw her closer. Her lips quivered, yet she raised them to meet his kiss.

"There!" he rallied. "Was it so dreadful?"

She did not answer; she could not. Her head drooped forward with the instinctive modesty of an innocent young girl. He put the forefinger of his free hand under her chin and raised her head to take a second kiss.

"One good turn deserves another, sweetheart," he said.

"You should not—not call me that," she whispered. "You are a gentleman white man; I am only a halfbreed—I'm yellow as a Chinaman."

"No—golden. You are my golden girl. Your cheeks are wild roses and honey gold. Your eyes are like a fawn's; your lips sweet as honey—Another kiss—There, that's more like it. You're learning how. Now look at me."

She raised her drooping lids with the sudden, desperate courage of one who is very shy, and gazed up at him. Her tender eyes starlike with the soft glow of her love and adoration.

"You—really like me?" she whispered.

"No, I hate you like poor—Lo-hates freewater. Give him a taste, and he wants it all. I want you."

"Charlie—he said I must marry a white man. I am joyed in my heart—You say you want me! But I am only a halfbreed girl, and you—"

"You're my honey-sweet little. Go and open the door."

She looked up at him again full and direct, and his gaze sank before the trust in her clear eyes.

"You want me to be your engaged girl?" she murmured. "When people are engaged—they are going to be married. Charlie said I must marry a white man, a good white man. You are kind to me. It is wonderful. I have read that even army officers have married halfbreed girls. But you are grander than any officer, and you are very good to think of marrying me."

Vandervyn forgot a smile, and replied to her adulation without meeting her enraptured gaze:

"What else did you think I meant when I kissed you? Of course we shall be married. As we are here on the reservation, it will be according to the custom of the tribe."

"Married? Oh, my heart sings!" cried the girl. "I will be your wife—yours! I can't believe it—There comes Charlie. I must run and tell him."

Vandervyn hastily released her, and drew his arm out of the window as he looked around.

"Wait!" he commanded. "He's coming fast enough. Leave the door barred."

The halfbreed was racing Hardy's mare up the creek bank at a furious gallop. He flung himself out of the saddle and advanced upon Vandervyn, his face dark with suspicion.

"What you saying to my sister?" he demanded.

The white man met his threatening look with a half-contemptuous, half-amused smile.

"I've been showing the girl what I think of her," he replied.

Redbear came to a sudden halt. The business of his race began to twitch.

"Oh, Charlie," reproached Olma, "what makes you look at him that way? Why don't you thank him?"

"She unbarred the door and stepped outside."

"For what?" questioned her brother in a harsh, strained voice.

"Because he is going to be my man—going to take me for his wife."

"Marry you? Olma—you?" The halfbreed could not believe his ears. Through his dazed shot a flash of angry suspicion. "But you—you won't marry her?"

Vandervyn smiled in his careless manner.

"Oh, I guess yes."

"You'll marry her? You'll take her to town and marry her like white people?"

"I'll marry her as some white people marry. I'll not take her to town. Olma and I have agreed to be married according to tribal custom."

Again Redbear's weak face darkened with suspicion and anger. "I won't have it. You're white, and Olma is half white. White people don't marry Indian fashion."

"You know a lot about it, Charlie. Haven't you ever heard of common-law marriages? Lots of white people get married that way."

"What way?"

"You must know about it. Instead of going to a lot of fuss and bother over ministers and licenses, many people just take each other for husband and wife and go to housekeeping."

"Is—that a real white people's marriage?" asked Olma.

Vandervyn frowned. "You don't think I'm lying, do you? Why, you often see in the newspapers about common-law wives getting their share of their husband's estates, just the same as if they had gone through all the fuss of weddings. Ask Hardy if that does not often happen."

"Well, if it's a real marriage—"

answered Redbear.

"Of course it is, Charlie; if he says so?" cried Olma rapturously.

Her brother's face glowed with sudden uncontrolled exultation. He stammered almost incoherently: "Then you—Marie—you don't marry—don't marry Marie?"

"No," replied Vandervyn, and his voice rang clear. "I have no intention of marrying her."

"Maybe Marie'll like me now, when I tell her you are going to be my brother," sighed Redbear.

Vandervyn laid a brotherly hand on his shoulder. "Hold on, boy!" he said. "You let me manage things. You know that Marie thinks she likes me. But now Hardy is here, and he wants her. If she hears that I have thrown her over, she will run off with him."

"She don't like him!"

"What if she doesn't? He's an army officer. He has money, and when he goes from here he will wear his uniform, all gilt and spangles. You know how the girls like that. No—I tell you there's not the ghost of a show for you until he is out of the way. Our little bluff didn't work. He says he is going to stay. So for a while you and Olma must keep still about the marriage. Tomorrow morning you and I are going into the mountains to talk with the chiefs. Olma will go with me. But it must be understood at the agency that you have sent her to—Who could you send her to?"

"Ti-ovak-konza is our mother's father. Not even Mr. Dupont knows that," said Redbear. "Before he came here, she ran off with a bad white man. They went to the Blackfeet. After a time he got an arrow through his back. My mother came home. Ti-ovak-konza would not see her face. She had to work for the agent till she made us go away to school. Then she died."

"Old Thunderbolt your grandfather?" remarked Vandervyn, seizing upon that one fact in the squalid tragedy. "Does he know it?"

"I told him so today. He said my face—But maybe he will come to like me. He said to bring Olma for him to look at her."

"That's great! We'll tell it to everybody. But remember, not a word about the marriage until after we get rid of Hardy and I am agent. Then things will go all right for all of us. You savvy that, Charlie? While you rub down the mare I'll go in and say goodbye—until tomorrow morning."

Best-Laid Schemes.

Hardy had gone to the Duponts' for supper when Vandervyn returned to the agency. He made a hasty toilet and followed Marie with a marked coldness. This, however, melted before he had finished his report to Hardy. All agreed that the old chief probably would take a fancy to Olma, and that, as a result, there would be a fair chance of pacifying the tribe.

When Hardy turned to the girl, he found her and Vandervyn exchanging glances and murmuring remarks. His habitual gravity softened to a smile of wistful sadness. At the first opportunity he excused himself. Midnight had passed before the light in the little cliffed parlor of the Dupont house was extinguished.

When, at sunrise, Hardy went for breakfast, Marie's eyes were very bright and her look was pensive. She ate little, and her manner toward Hardy was cold and ungracious.

After the officer left, Dupont squinted across the table at her and began to scratch his head.

"You and Mr. Van burned a lot of coal oil last night. He didn't git far enough along to ask you to hitch up with him, did he?"

A red blush flamed in the girl's cheeks. Without looking up, she murmured a regretful "No."

"Guess he figures he'll wait and see if Hardy is going to bust us up. Like as not he'll skip back east if Hardy gets sore and chokes off our hold on the mine."

"What do you mean? He'd send Reggie away. The stiff, solemn old fogey—I hate him!"

"Easy, easy, girl!" soothed Dupont. "No use plunging when you're hitched to the snubbling post. Just now he's got us roped. He'll have us all hanged if we go to bucking. We've got to make him think we're gentled."

"What if we act toward him as we feel?"

"You don't savvy about that mine. Me and Nogen discovered it and paid honest for developing it as you know. Well, we let Mr. Van in on it. Then Nogen up and gits killed. That makes it half and half between me and Mr. Van, according to all that's fair and square. But do you believe Hardy will let us at it that way? Not by a considerable. He'll talk about it being the tribe's, just because it's on the reservation."

"I see! The girl's eyes flashed, and her nostrils dilated. "He will rob you, and Reggie of a fortune—yet you wish me to be nice to him?"

"You bet I do! Can't you git the point? He ain't going to be bluffed into quitting. That means we got to make friends with him or lose the mine."

"Oh! So that is it?"

"Yep. Worst of it is he's one of them there fellows what stand so straight they lean backwards. We talked to him about how it would help the tribe if he joined us in opening the mine. He was mighty offish. Guess we'll have to give him Nogen's third to get him into our camp."

"What a shame! The mine is yours and Reggie's. He hasn't done a thing toward developing it."

"I know. But he's the agent. He's got us roped. He can rob us of our mine if we don't make friends with him. Now do you savvy?"

The girl's thick black eyebrows met in a frown of vexation. "If he is a man whose friendship must be bought, I do not wish to be pleasant to him."

"It's business, Marie. There ain't no two ways about it. Mr. Van's hanging fire, a-waiting to see if we lose the mine. If we do, he can't afford to marry no poor girl out of a reservation."

"Very well, I shall make myself agreeable to Captain Hardy. But wait until I am free to pay him out for it!"

"Nom dun chian!" muttered Dupont at sight of her straightened lips. "That's the injus in you. Don't let him see you look that way till after we git the mine developed."

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"Possibly so," answered the caustic young woman. "Some of those foreign noblemen have an astonishing capacity for wine."

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Sectional Avoidance. The average weight of men south of the Mason and Dixon line is from four to six pounds lighter than the average weight of men north of it, says United States marine recruiting officers operating there, in a report received at marine headquarters. These recruiting officers have asked that the minimum weight for recruits in the South be reduced from 124 to 120 pounds, stripped.

The large raw-boned southerner is seldom seen, the recruiting officers aver, and while the men of the South are as sound and fit as the men of any other section, they are usually small-boned and light in weight. The officers point out in their recommendation that some of the best "hikers" and fighters in the marine corps are the lean, wiry men from the south-land.

Scrupleless Obedience. "You know I told you not to take anything from that young man, Ella."

"I really don't ma. I have returned everything he gave me, even his kisses."

The Worst of It. "What is the use of fumes?"

"Sure enough. What institution is more famous than the American hen, and yet she has to go on searching for a living."

Childish Craving

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"Is That a Real White People's Marriage?" Asked Olma.

her. She pointed out all the grandest and most beautiful views, and showed herself even better versed in the lore of the wild than she had seemed to be posted on the culture and graces of polite society. After that there was no break-in-here tendency toward the captain for several days. Frequently they took other rides, over or around the nearest hills and mountains.

Do you believe that Vandervyn's deceitfulness with little Olma will be punished by the Indians—or do you think she will escape harm at his hands?

CHAPTER VIII.

Best-Laid Schemes.

Hardy had gone to the Duponts' for supper when Vandervyn returned to the agency. He made a hasty toilet and followed Marie with a marked coldness. This, however, melted before he had finished his report to Hardy. All agreed that the old chief probably would take a fancy to Olma, and that, as a result, there would be a fair chance of pacifying the tribe.

When Hardy turned to the girl, he found her and Vandervyn exchanging glances and murmuring remarks. His habitual gravity softened to a smile of wistful sadness. At the first opportunity he excused himself. Midnight had passed before the light in the little cliffed parlor of the Dupont house was extinguished.

When, at sunrise, Hardy went for breakfast, Marie's eyes were very bright and her look was pensive. She ate little, and her manner toward Hardy was cold and ungracious.

After the officer left, Dupont squinted across the table at her and began to scratch his head.

"You and Mr. Van burned a lot of coal oil last night. He didn't git far enough along to ask you to hitch up with him







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### Crawford County Farmers' Institute.

Rainy weather and poor roads caused a small attendance at the Farmers' Institute at the Court house last week Friday and Saturday.

L. B. Merrill, president and Charles Corwin, secretary, of the Crawford County Farmers' Institute society were present to look after their duties. Charles H. Gaskill, of Hastings, was conductor.

The forenoon meeting Friday was abandoned. The remainder of the program was carried out about as published in last week's Avalanche.

Likewise the attendance at the Woman's Congress was small and the chairman, Mrs. Henry Stepha, announced that they would hold their meeting together with the afternoon institute.

All the meetings and addresses were full of interest and instructive, and good discussions were brot out.

There was a fine exhibit of fruits, grains, grasses and vegetables, some of which came in for high praise from the institute speakers sent out from the Agricultural college. Our apples, they claimed, were the finest exhibited anywhere.

The exhibit was in charge of Marion R. Hopkins, of Beaver Creek. Prizes were awarded as follows:

Best plate of apples, first—John Kuehn, \$1.00; second—John Kuehn, \$1.00; third—John Kuehn, \$1.00.

\$1.00; second—John R. Skingley, 50c. 10 ears of popcorn, first—F. D. Barber, \$1.00; second—L. B. Merrill, 50c. 10 ears of Dent corn, first—L. B. Merrill, \$1.00; second—F. D. Barber, 50c.

10 ears of Flint corn, first—L. B. Merrill, \$1.00; second—J. R. Skingley, 50c.

Six potatoes, first—Hugo Schreiber, Sr., \$1.00; second—Andrew Mortenson, 50c.

Three Turnips, first—L. B. Merrill, \$1.00; second—Chas. Corwin, 50c.

Three sugar beets, first—L. B. Merrill, \$1.00.

Three red beets, first—Hugo Schreiber, Sr., \$1.00; second—J. R. Skingley, 50c.

Display of roots, first—L. B. Merrill, \$1.00; second—Hugo Schreiber, 50c.

Six onions, first—J. R. Skingley, \$1.00; second—J. R. Skingley, 50c.

Six carrots, first—A. Mortenson, \$1.00; second—H. Schreiber, Sr., 50c.

Squash, first—L. B. Merrill, \$1.00.

Two quarts oats, first—H. Schreiber, \$1.00; second—Mrs. I. R. Gile, 50c.

Two quarts wheat, first—F. D. Barber, \$1.00; second—H. Schreiber, 50c.

Two quarts rye, first—H. Schreiber, \$1.00.

Two quarts buckwheat, first—Chas. Corwin, \$1.00; second—H. Schreiber, 50c.

Loaf of bread, first—Mrs. Herbert Parker, \$1.00; second—Mrs. Jens Hanson, 50c.

Pound of butter, first—Mrs. A. Mortenson, \$1.00; second—Mrs. Jens Hanson, 50c.

All around farm produce, first—L. B. Merrill, \$2.00; second—H. Schreiber, Sr., \$1.00.

Display of grasses, first—L. B. Merrill, \$2.00; second—H. Schreiber, \$1.00.

Graham bread, first—Mrs. George tephin, \$1.00.

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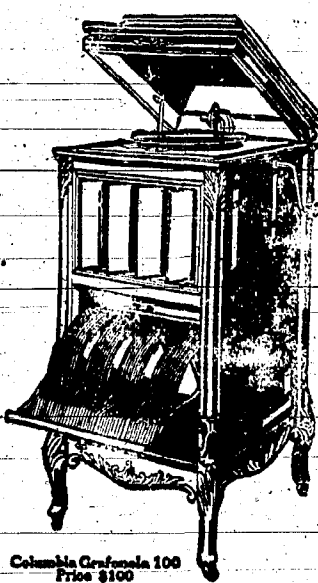
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